

AUTO USING FIREBUG JUST OUT OF PRISON

Police Believe He Is Man Who Just Completed a Ten-Year Term.

ONE OF NOTED GANG.

Set Nine Fires Within Twenty-four Hours and Endangered Many Lives.

Information reached Inspector of Police Murphy, in charge of the Williamsburg district of the city, today that the incendiary, who yesterday and last night started nine fires throughout Brooklyn, was one of the old gang of Brooklyn firebugs.

The police think they know who this man is. One of the men sent to prison at the time of the arrest and conviction of the old gang was a pyromaniac, whose love for fire and the destruction of life and property was equal to a man's. This man was sentenced to ten years. It is said his sentence recently expired and that he disappeared after leaving the penitentiary. There is reason to believe he came to New York and that he is at work again in the tenement and factory districts of the city.

This man was a baker before his conviction. The police say that while he was in Sing Sing he was a model prisoner and that his sentence was shortened because of good behavior.

Fits Ex-Convict's Description.

Policeman John Fagan, of the Vernon avenue station, whose beat takes in the very heart of the district attacked by the incendiary, has gained a very accurate description of the firebug. The man is described to him as being five feet six inches in height. He was smooth shaven, wore dark clothes and a cap of a brownish color. This man in many ways fits the description of the ex-convict, the old member of the firebug gang.

Fagan was able to track this man from the time he started the first fire in the Eastern District until he lit his last. The fire at No. 16 Sackett street last night, which caused a damage of \$50,000, was the fourth attempt made to burn these buildings in the past year.

Twice during the day the firebug was seen entering and leaving tenements which were discovered aflame within a few minutes after his disappearance. The police have a fairly good description of him. They believe he drove about in an automobile, as he wore an automobile cap of distinctive make.

Clear trace of the firebug's movements was kept yesterday between 9 A. M. and 2.30 P. M., in which time he set fire to no less than eight tenements within a distance of thirteen blocks. Twice during this time "the man with the automobile cap," for whom the police are now searching, was seen to enter and leave tenements just before the flames were discovered.

Marion Foy, of No. 255 Nassau street, has given the police a good description of the firebug.

James Cody, a contractor, who owns the tenement at No. 136 Park avenue, and lives on the second floor, also saw "the man in the automobile cap" a few minutes before his place burst into flames.

The police believe the man is a murderous pyromaniac, as he shows a predilection for firing tenement-houses. In every instance he started his fires by igniting oil waste at the bottom of the dumbwaiter shaft.

The firebug evidently tried to wind up his carnival of fire with a spectacular blaze as the factories he ignited in Sackett street, occupied by the Monarch Chemical Company and the Hamilton Pipe Works, were filled with inflammable material. Adjoining them in the rear was a row of tenements in Union street, which he caught fire repeatedly from the sparks and on one side was the lumber yard of the M. J. Rudolph Company, which the firemen saved only after a desperate fight.

WOMAN KNOCKS OUT INSULTERS

After Finishing Two, Mrs. Hoffman Is Excited and Tackles Policeman Before Grand Central Station Crowd.

"I am a woman who can take care of herself," declared Mrs. Lena Hoffman, thirty-eight years old, of No. 247 East One Hundred and Fourth street, today in Yorkville Court, when she was arraigned for disorderly conduct in front of the Grand Central station.

Just before Policeman Pitchen arrived, she had knocked a cabman down with a blow of her fist, and given another a black eye. Chased by a crowd, she was willing to try conclusions with the policeman.

"I was a little excited," she admitted to the magistrate. "I was on my way to work in the Manhattan Hotel, and had a little bouquet on my waist. As I tried to get through a lot of those dirty loafers who drive cabs at the Grand Central station, one of them snatched the flowers and I hit him. Another cabman called me a vile name. I knocked him down. Then the crowd cheered again and I got excited."

She apologized to the policeman and was discharged.

GIRL WHO SAW THE AUTOMOBILE FIREBUG AND MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF FIRES HE STARTED.



IT TOOK SIX POLICEMEN TO STOP PRAYERS

McCall, a Hostler, Long Insisted on Continuing Street Devotions Despite Protests.

His hands raised in prayer and his eyes uplifted to heaven, while he uttered his supplications in a voice that could be heard blocks away, a man was found by Roundsmen Bowe and Policeman Lyon, of the Morrisania Police Station, early today at One Hundred and Fifteenth street and Madison avenue, outside the Church of the Redemption.

When the officers approached the man became violent and resisted the efforts to quiet him. The noise of the struggle brought others to the place, until there were half a dozen policemen trying to subdue the praying man, who begged to be allowed to continue his devotions.

He hurried the policeman around like nuptials, and displayed the most extraordinary strength. Eventually they overcame him and learned that his name was William McCall, aged thirty-five, a hostler, residing at No. 723 Westchester avenue.

An ambulance was called and with great difficulty he was put in a strait-jacket and taken to the Leabon Hospital. The surgeon could find no trace of alcohol about him and it is supposed that he was suffering from violent religious mania.

CRACK TAMMANY SAFE AND CAUGHT AT JOB.

Two, Dressed Like Gentlemen, Bore Into Strong Box at Wigwam and Observant Citizen Seizes a Raffles Job and Puts a Cop on the Job.

CHAPTER I.

Clunk! clunk! Muffled sounds as of yeggmen yegging rang out on the still Fourteenth street air today. With oil dripping from their hands and wielding cold chisels, two gentlemen crackmen knelt before a venerable safe. The safe had a bored look. It was bored. Neither of the men with the drills and other burglar's implements was masked. What the use they were in New York?

Dropping his drill after making the front of the safe look like the latest style in women's waists, one of the crackmen spoke:

"It would be nice to rest caught with the goods by the enemy."

CHAPTER II.

CHAPTER III.

VOTE FOR WOMEN THE REMEDY FOR RACE SUICIDE

Dr. Mary A. Willard Says They Would Bring About Laws to Meet Evils.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 12.—Race suicide has been one of the principal topics of discussion at the district conference of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which will close tonight at Wyandotte, a suburb of Detroit.

Dr. Mary A. Willard, of Detroit, addressing the conference, said that the most extreme type of race suicide was the investing of ignorant foreigners with the right to vote, while the intelligent women of the country were denied this privilege. Continuing, Dr. Willard said:

"I will not attempt to deny that few children are born into American homes, for it is a lamentable fact, too patent to be contradicted. 'Give women the ballot and they will remove some of the temptations from the path of men, making it easier for them to live pure, strong, healthful lives.'"

A new impetus will have come into women's lives because they can then do away with the brutal that claims their daughters and the saloon that ruins their sons."

SODA STILL EXPLODES.

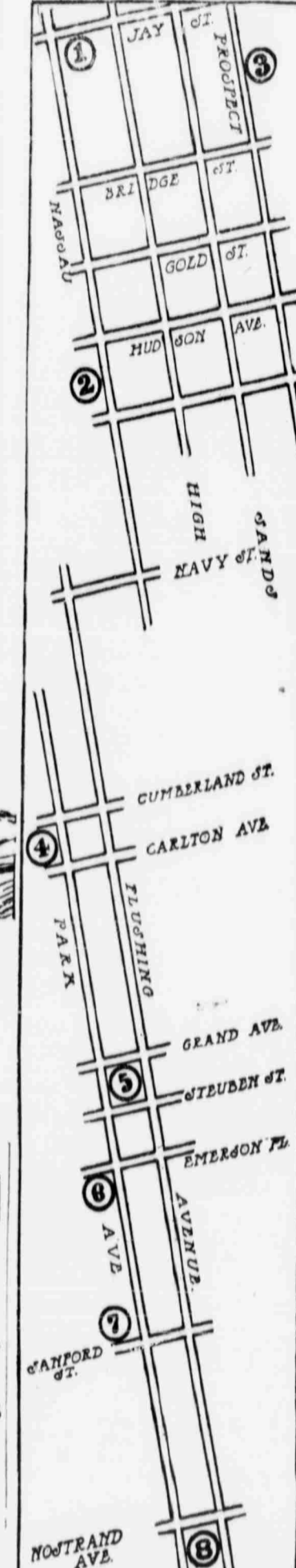
Factory Wrecked and Employees Have Narrow Escape.

An exploding soda water still today caused \$5,000 damage and narrowly missed injuring several employees in the Hydrus Soda-Water Company's plant at No. 23 West Twelfth street.

The explosion occurred on the top floor of a three-story brick building and wrecked the apparatus and furnished a complex. It was caused by the overpressure of steam in one of the stills.

CAMPANIA DOCKS TO-MORROW.

The Campania, Campania, from Liverpool, was in communication by wireless telegraph with the station at Boston, Mass., at 7.30 A. M. today, when she was 150 miles east of Nantucket Lightship. The steamer will probably reach about 10 A. M. tomorrow.



MAP SHOWING WHERE FIRES WERE STARTED

THIEF WHO BEAT WOMAN CAUGHT ROBBING SHOP

Captured by Police After a Chase, but His Pal Escapes.

The motorman of a Second avenue car today saw two men working on the showcase of a butcher's shop at No. 133 East Houston street.

At first street the motorman saw Policeman Michael Emerich and tipped him off to the thieves. Emerich started on a run up the street, revolver in one hand, right stick in the other. When he came upon the pair they separated. Emerich grabbed one chap and emptied his revolver at the other, who dodged into a hallway. A dozen policemen turned into the street from four directions. Every one was aroused and the entire neighborhood searched, but the missing man was not unearthed.

Policeman John Boser, of the Eldridge street station, while making search discovered Mary Plumb, of No. 81 First street, with her face terribly battered. She said that two men had knocked her down, beaten her and taken her clothes, including a watch, a ring and a chain, and had stripped her of a coral chain, her rings and earrings. While telling her story Policeman Emerich passed with the prisoner he had captured.

"There's one of the men who robbed me!" screamed the woman. The prisoner seemed quite taken aback to have all of his night's venture go amiss. The woman followed to the station and made a complaint.

The prisoner was arraigned in the Eldridge street station and his name was George O'Brien, twenty-one years old, a peddler, of No. 397 Mott street.

When arraigned in the Essex Market Police Court, O'Brien was held by Magistrate Steinert, on a short affidavit, charging assault and burglary, without bail, to await the result of his assault upon Mrs. Plumb.

STILL RIOTING IN ITALY.

Troops Clash With Mobs in Anti-Military Demonstration.

ARCHITECTS FAVORED BY THE MUTUAL

Probers Hear that Certain Firms Had to Be Retained by Borrowers.

In addition to examining President Richard A. McCurdy, of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, as to the Mutual's wine cellar and its so-called "open house" at Albany during the session of the Legislature, Inspector Hughes, of the Legislative Insurance Committee, will run his probe into the Mutual's real estate loans.

It was reported to Mr. Hughes today that there is considerable mystery surrounding the Mutual's methods in loaning money on real estate, particularly with reference to loans depending solely on the mortgagee's employment of certain architects who stand in the good graces of the McCurdys.

As the story runs, if one of these favored architects is not employed to do the building, no loan can be negotiated and the understanding is that a property holder desiring to raise money from Mutual sources for the improvement of his land would better in all cases see one of these architects beforehand.

Hughes Wants to Know Why.

Mr. Hughes proposes to find out the meaning of this arrangement and whether a clique or set of architects should be favored.

Among the architects who have done much building in which the Mutual Life Insurance Company is interested, directly or indirectly, by reason of having loaned the money for the work, is the firm of Charles W. Clinton and William H. Russell, which has a suit of offices on the thirteenth floor of the Mutual Life building. Charles W. Clinton was the architect of that structure. He has been in partnership with Russell for twelve or thirteen years, and is now the architect of that structure.

New York, including No. 60 Wall street and the Broad Exchange building, have been planned and erected by them. "It is not true," said Mr. Russell, today, to a reporter of The Evening World, "that this firm or either myself or Mr. Clinton as individuals have ever acted as an intermediary as between the Mutual Life Insurance Company and any applicant for a loan for building purposes. Mr. Clinton put up the Mutual building before I became his partner. He won the contract in open competition. We have had our offices here ever since the erection of this building, and I must say that it has been an advantage to us because of the large volume of work carried out in this district."

Often Examine Properties.

"Often we are called in by the Mutual to examine properties and buildings upon which loans are to be made for building purposes. We receive compensation for this work, but I must say that the fee is not what one could call unusual. No doubt we get much of this because of our tenancy in the Mutual Building and because we are known to the company."

"Are the McCurdys related to us or to them? No, indeed. There is no one in the Mutual Company who belongs to us by blood or marriage nor anybody in our firm who belongs to anybody in the Mutual."

"You think that Mr. Hughes will ask me about this?" "That he will, I think, but I don't think he will do more work for the Mutual? Well, all I can say is that while perhaps it may be shown that we have done more for the company in a professional way than any other architects there has been no favoritism shown to us. We have simply done our own bottom in all our dealings."

GRANDCHILD OF SIEBERT IN WANT

Retired Police Captain of Brooklyn in Court on a Summons Demanding that He Help Support Infant.

Being a grandpa has proved a troublesome thing for retired Police Captain Jacob Siebert, of No. 182 Seventeenth street, Brooklyn.

He was summoned before Magistrate Baker in the Morrisania Police Court today by Mrs. Catherine Bauer, a poor widow, of No. 621 East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, who demanded that he be compelled to support Loretta, the one-year-old child of her daughter Katie, who died recently. Katie Bauer was married to the former police captain's son, Richard, two years ago and was abandoned by him two days after the baby was born last summer.

Katie died not long ago, leaving the child upon the hands of old Mrs. Bauer, who has difficulty keeping body and soul together without the aid of the child. Capt. Siebert told the Magistrate that he is now taking care of his own daughter and her four-year-old boy, her husband, like his son, being among the missing.

He admitted that he is now drawing a pension of \$125, but denied that he was rolling in wealth. Albert Creel, an attorney for the Chastities Delegation, who appeared for Mrs. Bauer, stated that he had heard something of Capt. Siebert's having drawn \$15,000 back pay, but Siebert declared that it was not his speech.

The case was adjourned until Oct. 17.

PRESS CLUB VISITS MAYOR

Chicago Delegates Call on McClellan at City Hall.

GATE STOPS RUNAWAY ON THE BRIDGE

Closed Just in Time to Halt Frenzied Horse Dragging Wagon with Driver.

By closing the "runaway gate" at the Brooklyn side of the Brooklyn Bridge just in the nick of time Policeman Ope of the bridge squad, probably saved a life early today.

Michael Haggerty, of No. 118 Christopher street, was driving one of Monahan's express wagons across the bridge when the horse took fright and made a mad dash for the Brooklyn side. Haggerty was seated upon the top of a pile of boxes and dared not leap from the vehicle.

Policeman Goss, seeing the wagon flash by, rang the signal for the closing of the runaway gate. It was promptly obeyed by Policeman Ope, and a moment later the horse sprang against the barrier. The animal was crushed between the gate and the wagon. Haggerty was carried from his dangerous perch by the boxes, which slid to the roadway. He was uninjured.

RUN DOWN BY BROADWAY CAR AND MAY DIE

Israel Lowenstein, Brewery Collector, Badly Hurt in Crowded Thoroughfare.

Israel Lowenstein, sixty-five years old, a collector for the Ebel Brewing Company, was knocked down and seriously injured while attempting to cross Broadway at Thomas street today. He is in Hudson Street Hospital, where he may die.

Mr. Lowenstein, who lives at No. 259 Eighth avenue, has been collector for the brewery for many years and is a familiar figure along Broadway, which he travels in a buggy. This morning he left his rig standing at the west side of Broadway at Thomas street and started to cross the street to the tailor shop of William Berger, at No. 215 Broadway.

He did not see an approaching south-bound trolley car until too late, the fender hurling him to the roadway at one side.

Motorman Patrick McAvoy, who was in charge of the car, No. 2581, instantly applied brakes, and brought the car to a stop before further injury was done. Policeman MacNamara, of the Broadway squad, saw the accident, and ran to Mr. Lowenstein's assistance. Finding that the man was seriously cut about the head and face he sent a hurry call to Hudson Street Hospital. Mr. Lowenstein was taken to the hospital, where it was said that on account of his age the injuries might prove mortal.

FOUNDARY ENGINEER KILLED

Clothing Caught in Machinery, He Is Whirled Around Shaft.

(Special to The Evening World.) NEWARK, N. Y., Oct. 12.—George Randall, fifty-six years old, of No. 146 Kearny avenue, Kearny, an engineer, employed at Barlow's Iron Foundry at No. 25 Orange street, was killed there today.

Randall was engaged in oiling the machinery when his clothing got caught in the belt and he was whirled around the shaft. The wheel struck his head and he died before he could be taken to the hospital. His body was taken to Mulline's morgue and his family notified.

ROCKEFELLER KISSES SON.

(Special to The Evening World.) TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller and a party of friends arrived today from Cleveland. When Mr. Rockefeller and his son met they kissed one another. Mr. Rockefeller wore his wig and looked well.

Before taking a carriage for his home at Pocantico Hills he walked over to James Barry, an old street sweeper, shook his hand and wished him well.

Wallace Adjudged Insane.

John W. Wallace, a wealthy underwear manufacturer and member of the Union League Club, was yesterday adjudged insane by a Sheriff's Jury before Commissioner William Murray.

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DOUBLE LIFE ON \$6 WEEKLY, WIFE THINKS

But Young Hubby Promises to Be Good Boy in Future.

Alfred McAfee, thirty-two years old, who gets \$6 a week as an usher in Joe Weber's Theatre, was arraigned in Harlem Police Court today on a charge of failing to support his wife, Mrs. McAfee, of the opinion that her husband is spending his money on other women.

Arthur Louisa, another usher was also in court on a warrant charging him with threatening to stab Mrs. McAfee. She said he insulted her and drove her from the theatre Wednesday night, when she went to get some information about Alfred, who had not been home for six days.

"At first," said Mrs. McAfee to Magistrate Barlow, "he would stay out all night. Then he got so he would stay out two nights in succession. Now he never comes home at all unless he wants a change of clothing. This young fellow Louisa told me the other night that my husband was tired of me and that I was foolish to be bothering him. But I have my home at No. 165 Amsterdam avenue, and I want my husband to keep up that home."

Young Mr. McAfee was very persistent and promised to be a good boy in the future. Louisa promised that he would refrain from butting into the family trouble of the McAfees. Magistrate Barlow paroled both of the opulent ushers until Oct. 20, when they will report to the probationary officer of the court.

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ENGINEER HIT; TRAIN RUNS WILD.

Fireman Stops Engine Just in Time to Avert Wreck—Drivers' Head Struck Post.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—In a wild runaway dash, an Illinois Central fast mail train that left for the South at 2.30 A. M. today, the engineer, Frank A. Ruge, was struck by some projection after passing thirty-third street, and fell unconscious at his post.

Passing through the streets the train approached the network of tracks at Grand Crossing with undiminished speed, contrary to regulations. Realizing that something was wrong, Paul A. Wheeler, the fireman, leaped to the engineer's bench, and found Ruge unconscious and bleeding from a jagged wound in the head.

The fireman brought the train to a stop just at the danger point. Ruge's injuries are not considered fatal.

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